

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

The foregoing amendments have been made to revise the claim language of Claims 4 and 5 for closer compliance with U.S. patent practice and procedure and in order to claim Applicants' invention more closely in accordance with the wishes of Applicants. Insofar as the language of Claims 4 and 5 as now amended find full support in the specification as disclosed, for example, at page 7, line 17 through page 8, line 18, it is submitted that all the claims of the present application are supported by the disclosure as originally filed.

In view of the foregoing, an early and favorable Office Action is believed to be in order and the same is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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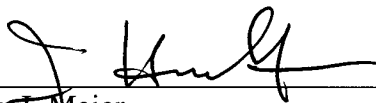
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